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Columbia...	2654	A. Gow.....	Jan. 1	Magut.....	3654	W. H. Wright...	Jan.
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SHIP.	YAMAGUCHI MARU.	Kobe and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY,
TS.	S. KAWAMURO,		Dec., at 4 p.m.
ARR.	SAGAMI MARU,	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, SHI-	FRIDAY, 24th
ARR.	M. J. CURNOW,	KEE, SEW and KOBE.	at 4 p.m.

TOKIO MARU, E. W. HASWELL,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, Via THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 24th at 4 p m.
IDZUMI MARU,	BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo)	TUESDAY, 25th at 4 p m.

724	R. NUNOME,	for JAPA PORTS), and COLONNO.	Dec., at 4 p
2,	* RIOJUN MARU, A. E. MOSES,	SEATTLE, Wash., U.S.A., Via KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU.	THURSDAY, Dec., at 4 p

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At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.	Chinese Names.
Bacon, English, lb.	家路烟猪肉
" Amer. Sugar cured "	花旗烟猪肉
" Feeghew, "	福州烟猪肉
" Japan, cured "	日本烟猪肉
Boat mutton & prime cut, catty	船猪头肉
" Corned, catty	罐猪肉
" Roast, "	罐猪肉
" Soup, "	罐猪肉
" Steak, "	罐猪肉
Bullock's Brains, por set	牛脑
" Tongue fresh, each	牛舌
" " corned, "	牛舌
" Head, "	牛头
" Heart, "	牛心
" Hump, Salt, catty	牛腰
" Feet, each	牛脚
" Kidneys, "	牛腰
" Tail, "	牛尾
" Liver, catty	牛肝
" Tripe (undressed) catty	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet, set	牛头脚
Hams, American, lb.	花旗火腿
" Chinese, "	金華火腿
" English, New, "	來路火腿
" Japan cured, "	日本火腿
" Shanghai, "	上海火腿
Mutton Chop, "	羊排
" Leg, "	羊腿
" Shoulder, "	羊肩
Pigs Chittlings, catty	猪杂
" Feet, "	猪脚
" Fry, "	猪腰
" Head, each	猪头
" Heart, "	猪心
" Kidneys, pair	猪腰
" Liver, lb.	猪肝
Pork, Chop, "	猪排
" Corned, "	罐猪肉
" Leg, "	罐猪肉
" Fat or Lard, "	猪油
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	羊头脚
" Heart, each	羊心
" Kidneys, lb.	羊腰
" Liver, lb.	羊肝
Sucking Pig, each \$1.75 \$1.25	猪仔
Suet, Beef, lb.	生牛油
" Mutton, "	生牛油
Veal, catty	牛仔肉

Poultry.

Chicken, catty	220
Ospens, "	230
Ducks, "	100
Doves, each	120
Eggs, Hen, doz.	110
" Duck, "	110
Kowls, catty	180
Geese, each	600
Hares, "	400
Musk Deer, "	190
Partridges, brace	\$1.40
Pigeons, "	140
Pheasant, each	140
Rice Birds, doz.	140
Quail, each	150
Snipe, catty	450
Turkeys, Cook, each	280
" Hon, pair	950
Wild Ducks, pair	950

Fish.

Berbel, catty	180
Bream, "	180
Bombay Ducks, piece	30
Carp Fresh Water Fish, catty	100
O'p, "	100
Qatfish, "	80
Godfish, Salt, lb.	160
Crabs, each	100
Cuttle Fish, lb.	100
Dab, catty	90
Dece, "	80
Dog Fish, catty	80
Eels, Congor, lb.	800
" Fresh water, lb.	180
Eels, Yellow, lb.	250
File Fish, lb.	110
Frogs, catty	280
Garoupe, lb.	90
Gudgeon, lb.	80
Gurnard, lb.	120
Herrings, lb.	140
" smoked, box	120
Halibut, catty	120
Labrus, lb.	140
Loach, lb.	180
Lobsters, lb.	180
Macarel, lb.	180
Monk Fish, lb.	180
Mullet, lb.	180
Oysters, lb.	140
Panfish, lb.	140
Pike, lb.	140

Pike.	catty	花
Plaice, "	"	花
Pomfret, White, "	200	花
Pomfret, Black, "	140	花
Prawns, "	220	花
Ray, "	50	花
Rock Fish, "	90	花
Roach, "	"	花
Salmon, (Canton), "	200	花
Shark, "	50	花
Salt Fish, "	100	花
Skate, "	50	花
Shrimps, "	140	花
Snapper, "	150	花
Soles, "	140	花
Tench, "	"	花
Turbot, "	120	花
Turtles, small, fresh water, "	350	花
Whiting, catty	70	花
White Bait, "	90	花

Fruits.	catty	果
Apples, (California), "	200	果
" (Tientsin), "	"	果
" (Japan), "	"	果
Bananas, fragrant, "	30	果
" (brides), "	40	果
Chestnuts, Chinese, "	100	果
Carambola, "	"	果
Cucumbers, each	70	果
Ground Nuts, catty	90	果
Grapes, "	20	果
Lemons, China, "	60	果
" Peel, "	"	果
Lichees, Dried, "	400	果
" Fresh, "	"	果
Limes, "	"	果
Mango, (Siam), each	"	果
" (Manila), "	"	果
Mangosteens, dozen	"	果
Oranges, Sweet, catty	60	果
" Green, "	40	果
" Red, "	30	果
Olive, "	100	果
Pearlapples, each	50	果
Pine-apples, catty	"	果
Pears, "	"	果
" (Tientsin), "	100	果
Plum, Red, each	70	果
Pumelo, catty	80	果
" (Siam), "	"	果
Raisins, Muscatel, "	"	果
" Pudding, "	"	果
Water Chestnuts, com. "	40	果
" Mandarin, "	50	果
Walnuts, "	120	果

Vegetables, &c.	catty	菜
Artichokes, Shanghai, "	50	菜
Beans, (French), "	180	菜
" Long, "	"	菜
Beet Root, each	20	菜
Brussels, Green, catty	30	菜
" Red, "	50	菜
Cassia, "	20	菜
Cabbage, Chinese com. "	30	菜
Cabbages, each	90	菜
Carrots, catty	150	菜
Cauliflower, "	60	菜
Celery, Chinese, "	50	菜
" English, "	80	菜
Chilies Dried, "	180	菜
" Red, "	50	菜
Curry Stuf, English, "	60	菜
Cucumbers, "	70	菜
Blister Squash, "	50	菜
Garlic, "	50	菜
Ginger, young, "	50	菜
Horse Radish, Shet, "	120	菜
Indian Corn, piece	"	菜
Lettuce, (English), each	10	菜
Mushrooms, Fresh, catty	70	菜
Onions, Bombay, "	30	菜
" Green, "	30	菜
" Shanghai, "	50	菜
" Japan, "	100	菜
Okra, "	100	菜
Parley, English, bundle	10	菜
Potatoes, Sweet, catty	30	菜
" Shanghai, "	20	菜
" Japan, "	20	菜
" American, "	20	菜
" Foochow, "	20	菜
" Macao, "	20	菜
Pumpkin, "	20	菜
Purpline, "	20	菜
Papaw, "	20	菜
Radish, dozen	20	菜
Rice, best quality, per picul, \$5.00		菜
" Common, "	\$4.50	菜
Shalots, catty	50	菜
Spinage, (Chinese), "	30	菜
Squash, "	40	菜
Tomatoes, "	50	菜
Taro, "	20	菜
Turpots, Punt, (Long), "	30	菜
Vegetable Marrow, "	30	菜
" (Long), "	30	菜
Water Chestnut, "	70	菜

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

NO LIGHTS IN THE DARDANIELS.
London, November 6.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says: The Sultan's refusal to permit lights in the Dardanelles or the Gulf of Salonica until the peace treaty between Turkey and Greece has been signed.

VEZUVIUS IN ERUPTION.
Naples, November 8.—Mount Vesuvius is in great activity. A mass of lava is pouring out of the Arco del Cavallo crater, which opened in 1897.

WIDE STREAMS ARE FLOWING DOWN IN THE DIRECTION OF VITROVA AND HINDOOL INDIAN.
Brisbane, November 8.—In Queensland the area of planting is about 100,000 acres, and the crop is estimated, will yield forty bushels to the acre.

STARVATION IN RUSSIA.
St. Petersburg, November 8.—A terrible famine is raging in the Province of Archangel, a Government of European Russia. Many have already died of starvation. Tea is the only means of subsistence.

MINISTERS OF RUSSIA DEAD.
Berlin, November 8.—General von Wenden died on Saturday at Gortitz in Prussian Silesia. Dr. Heinrich Weimer, the eminent jurist, is dead.

CONCESSIONS FORCED FROM THE KAISER.
Berlin, November 8.—The Reichstag will meet on November 30. It is understood that in addition to the budget a naval bill and a measure for the reform of military procedure, both of which have been under Ministerial consideration for some time past, will be introduced as soon as the session opens.

THE MILITARY BILL, AS DRAFTED, PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC AND ORAL PROCEDURE WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS, AND INVOLVES A RENAISSANCE OF THE RIGHT OF THE EMPEROR TO CONFIRM OR CANCEL THE VERDICTS OF MILITARY COURTS. BOTH CONCESSIONS ARE OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE INTENDS TO RECALL ALL FREIGHTS ON SUGAR DESIGNED FOR EXPORTATION.

SPAIN AND AMERICA.
New York, Nov. 4.—The Herald will present to-morrow morning a remarkable letter from Hannis Taylor, former United States Minister to Spain, in which, after setting out his studies of the situation, he proposes a rupture of diplomatic relations between the two countries during the dark days of the Competitor case, he asserts that the ruling classes of Spain are determined to refuse any concessions which would be accepted by the Cubans.

Taylor tells us that he and Senor Castellar tried to persuade the late Premier Canovas to offer genuine reform to Cubans, as otherwise intervention by the United States must follow inevitably. This was Mr. Taylor's attitude as a diplomatic representative anxious to avert war.

For a time he believed, he says, that the iron Premier had yielded, but when the proposed reforms were made public he says: "I saw that the great man had trifled with us as if we were children."

Taylor denounces "the hollow and emptiness of the whole shadowy pretence embodied in the royal decree of February 1897," and after discussing the situation, says there is no solution of the Cuban problem which will end the inhuman strife except intervention by this country.

CAME TO LIFE ON A DISSECTING TABLE.
Portland (Or.), Nov. 4.—Among the employees at Scarborough, head of the Columbia, where the Government is prosecuting some work, was a man named R. Lucas. Monday he was working under a chute, where concrete was being made, when in some manner the structure collapsed. This, with all the concrete and iron, fell on Lucas, burying him. When dug out, his appearance indicated that life had been crushed out. The body was sent to Astoria for burial, arriving there Tuesday night.

Dr. J. A. Fulton, a Government physician, started to make a post-mortem examination, when he was horrified to find that his subject was still breathing. His many wounds were quickly sewed up and Lucas was removed to the hospital, where several doctors were soon at work on him. The result was that in a short time he was restored to consciousness.

As the cloud cleared away from Lucas' brain he began to inquire as to his situation. He remembered nothing about the accident, and for some time could not understand how he had been so quickly conveyed from his quarters at Scarborough head to a hospital in Astoria.

CURIOUS STORY ABOUT THE 'IMPERIUS' VICTORIA (B. O.), November 4.—There is a deep disgust among the crew of the British ship Imperius, which is on a voyage to the Ocaso island treasure story and that the ship had gone to the island where search would be made for the treasure it was not credited. When it was pointed out that Harris and Harford had gone south as guests of the Admiral, those who are acquainted with the strict rules of the British Admiralty would not dare to take the ship on a treasure-hunting expedition. But he did, and the bluejackets were put to work digging for the treasure.

One of the men said to-day that Harford took them to the place where he said the treasure was hidden and told them they would come to a plate slab which covered it. They came to the plate slab sure enough, but the hole they had dug filled with water and before they could clear it out they were ordered to return to the ship. As soon as they were aboard the Imperius's anchors were weighed and she started north. The bluejackets were much disappointed, as they felt sure they had struck the right place, and one of them at least said that when the ship goes south again they will make another try for it, if they have to desert to do so.

If the measure is under the date which they discovered, it has been discovered by this time, for Gieseler's wife, who was on the island, watched them closely and would in all probability continue the search commenced by the sailors as soon as the Imperius was out of the way, or would at least show her husband where they had dug upon his return to the island.

Harford, too, intends to return as soon as he can fit out an expedition, for which purpose he was landed at San Jose de Guatemala. It is believed that the British officers are interested in this expedition and that Harford will have the support of the crew of the Imperius's ship.

As the Imperius is a ship of the Admiralty, it would not be allowed to take a treasure-hunting expedition, for while here his excuse for not accepting the services of a schooner was that he was afraid to touch the treasure which he had a right to take.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

JAPANESE PRESS OPINION.
Kobe, Nov. 30.
Every scrap of fresh information, whether it be rumour or fact, about the German occupation of Kiao-chao Bay offers itself as a text for the Tokyo journals to rehearse their views upon the subject. There is, however, very little that is original in the comments, with the exception, perhaps, of the Jiji, which states that the Russian Minister at Peking has informed the representative of a certain Power that the Russian Government was not concerned in the affair at all, and that if necessary Russia might enter a protest against Germany's action. But the Jiji doubts the truth of the statement, and suggests that the Russian Minister has said this simply to say what the other Powers would say about it.

If Russia has not been opposed to Germany's action, then it may be that, contrary to the general expectation, Germany previously had the approval of Great Britain. That the British press, according to Reuters, applauds Germany's high-handed action and urges the British Government to follow the example gives colour to the suggestion of some such understanding. In that case, Germany may have abandoned the aspiration for Shantung Bay in favour of Great Britain, while she has arranged instead to occupy the Shantung district. That the Jiji has one opinion, and Germany is really opposed to Germany's action, then it may be that, contrary to the general expectation, Germany previously had the approval of Great Britain. That the British press, according to Reuters, applauds Germany's high-handed action and urges the British Government to follow the example gives colour to the suggestion of some such understanding. In that case, Germany may have abandoned the aspiration for Shantung Bay in favour of Great Britain, while she has arranged instead to occupy the Shantung district.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.
In their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 7th December, Messrs Benjamin, Kelly and Potts write:—
Business has remained very dull, and quotations are all more or less of a nominal nature.

Banks.—A small sale of Hongkong and Shanghai Banks has been effected at 174 per cent premium. Nationals have changed hands for March at \$24.

Marine Insurance.—There are no sales to report in stocks under this heading.

Fire Insurance.—Remains unchanged with sellers at quotations.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are a shade firmer, and have been negotiated at \$29. No sales have been effected in other stocks under this heading.

Refineries.—Both Chinese and Luzon Sugars are obtainable at quotations.

Mining.—Canton has ruled very steady and a fair number of shares have been taken off the market at \$41. Charbonnages are enquired for at \$105. New Balmoral Jubilee has been sold at \$2 and \$2.10. Olives are steady at \$8.

Great Eastern have been sold at \$21, and are now offering at \$21.

Decks, Wharves and Godowns.—There is no business to report.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Hotels have been done at \$4, and are steady at the rate.

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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depths of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in. and on the gauge at Lung Tock, Aberdeen, add 19 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

9th to 15th December.

Time.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.
High Water.	10.15	10.05	9.55	9.45	9.35	9.25	9.15
Low Water.	4.15	4.05	3.55	3.45	3.35	3.25	3.15

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